



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SUSPECT IN APPLE VALLEY OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IDENTIFIED**

ST. PAUL — The Ramsey County Medical Examiner today identified the man fatally shot Sunday evening during an exchange of gunfire with an Apple Valley Police Department officer.

Carl Anthony Tatum, DOB 3-15-64, of 13947 Herald Court in Apple Valley, died of blood loss resulting from multiple gunshot wounds.

The Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) is investigating the incident at the request of the Apple Valley Police Department.

The preliminary investigation reveals that shortly before 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, Apple Valley Police Department officers Tommie Booth and Tara Becker arrived at the Herald Court residence in response to a 911 call reporting a domestic assault.

Upon arrival, the officers located the assault victim outside of the residence; the victim told officers her assailant, Mr. Tatum, was inside the home. Mr. Tatum complied with the officers' request to come outside, but later fled back into the residence.

The officers pursued him to the second floor living room, by which time Mr. Tatum had obtained a handgun. Mr. Tatum fired multiple shots at Officer Booth. Officer Booth returned fire, fatally striking Mr. Tatum.

BCA agents have completed interviews with officers Booth and Becker. Both are on standard administrative leave. Once the investigation is complete, the BCA will present its findings to the Dakota County Attorney's Office.

#### **About the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension**

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension provides investigative and specialized law enforcement services to prevent and solve crimes in partnership with law enforcement, public safety and criminal justice agencies. Services include criminal justice training, forensic laboratory analysis, criminal histories and investigations.

- The BCA criminal history unit in 2010 completed 495,064 background checks.
- The BCA forensic science lab in 2012 processed more than 26,000 pieces of evidence.
- The BCA Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in 2010 investigated over 700 cases and made 140 arrests.
- BCA agents responded to 83 incidents at the request of local law enforcement agencies.

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**Recent BCA activity**

- A BCA Financial Crimes Task Force-led investigation brought down a \$50 million worldwide bank fraud conspiracy – leading to 29 convictions and guilty pleas.
- Two dozen members of the Native Mob gang face racketeering charges following a long-term investigation conducted jointly by the BCA and many local, state, tribal and federal agencies. The suspects are in custody following a take-down conducted by more than 100 law enforcement officials.
- BCA agents assisted the St. Louis County Sherriff in successfully locating an 8 year-old boy who was missing for two weeks and allegedly abducted by his father. The father was arrested and taken into custody.
- An Oakdale man faces life in prison for murdering a man who'd listed a vehicle for sale on Craig's List. BCA agents partnered with local law enforcement to track down and apprehend the killer.
- A Cloquet, Minn. man received a 60-year prison sentence for murdering a Cromwell, Minn. couple. The BCA built their case against the man in partnership with local law enforcement.
- The BCA developed and is deploying its electronic charging service, eCharging, statewide. Once implemented, eCharging is expected to save at least 45 minutes per criminal complaint resulting in 75,000 fewer total staff hours per year and 30 minutes per DWI arrest resulting in 20,000 fewer total staff hours per year.

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